Standing Orders For Patient Treatment of Pandemic Influenza:

NKC will commence treatment of patients with the antiviral drug Tamiflu™ if fever and one or more of the following symptoms are present as assessed by staff.

Fever > 100°F plus:
1. rhinorrhea or nasal congestion, OR
2. sore throat, OR
3. cough

Prior to the initiation of Tamiflu™: the staff should do the following:

1. Ascertain no allergy to Tamiflu listed in cyberREN; if yes, do not initiate Tamiflu treatment but proceed with routine blood cultures (#2).
2. Draw routine blood cultures for fever > 100°F per Standing Orders.
3. In the absence of allergy, initiate the treatment dose for Tamiflu.™

Dosing: Tamiflu™ for dialysis patients comes in 30 mg tablets. It should be given at the end of the dialysis treatment.

1. Hemodialysis: 30 mg PO on alternate hemodialysis treatments for a total of 2 tablets. (i.e. two treatments in the course of one week: for example, on Monday and Friday dialyses, or Tuesday and Saturday dialyses; the patient receives one tablet at each).

2. Peritoneal dialysis: 30 mg PO total dose for a total of 1 tablet.

Regardless of what mode of hemodialysis therapy is employed, the maximum dose for hemodialysis is 30 mg PO x 2 doses in a five day period. For peritoneal dialysis the maximum dose is 30 mg, administered once.

Prior to discharge:


2. Have patient wait 30 minutes following taking Tamiflu™ prior to discharge home.

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